

[16th November 1922]

*Civil suits and Sessions cases in the Agency division.*

496 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) the number of civil suits and appeals filed in the year 1921-22 and also for the first quarter of 1922-23—

(a) in the courts of the Agency Commissioner;

(b) in the courts of the assistant commissioners of the Agency division;

(2) the number of suits and appeals disposed of by the said courts during the said periods and the pendency of suits and appeals in those courts at present;

(3) the number of assistant commissioners in the Agency division that have been invested with powers to try sessions cases up to the end of April 1922 and afterwards;

(4) the number of sessions cases committed to and disposed of by the said courts during the said periods;

(5) the number of sessions cases and criminal appeals disposed of by the Agency Commissioner during the said periods;

(6) whether there was any complaint received either by the Agency Commissioner or by the Local Government against the nature of sessions work done by the assistant commissioners during the above periods;

(7) whether under the Agency rules, the Agency Commissioner is not the District and Sessions Judge for his division;

(8) what the average number is of civil suits, civil appeals, sessions cases and criminal appeals ordinarily disposed of by a District and Sessions Judge in a year in ordinary tracts; and

(9) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the whole correspondence regarding the creation of the post of—

(a) the Judicial Assistant Commissioner, Agency division;

(b) the District and Sessions Judge, Agency division?

A.—(1) & (2) The following statement gives the required statistics for the year 1921 :—

Name of the court.	Original suits.							Pending on 31st December 1921.
	Pending on 31st December 1920.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or reference.	Total.	Disposed.	Transferred to other courts.	Total disposed of.	
Agency Commissioner.	8	1	..	9	..	1	1	8
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner.	..	..	73	73	45	..	45	28
Khond Agency ..	38	95	..	133	126	..	126	7
Savara do. ..	126	351	29	506	407	51	458	48
Rampa do. ..	46	448	23	517	436	2	438	79
Oriya do. ..	180	358	54	592	326	79	405	187
Khats do. ..	2	27	16	45	26	11	37	8
Goya do. ..	52	135	5	192	161	..	161	31
Total ..	452	1,415	200	2,067	1,527	144	1,671	396

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Name of the court.	Appeal suits.							
	Pending on 31st December 1920.	Instituted.	by or Received transfer reference.	Total.	Disposed of.	Transferred to other courts.	Total disposed of.	Pending on 31st December 1921.
Agency Commissioner.	24	1	..	25	4	18	22	3
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner.	..	..	40	40	37	..	37	3
Khond Agency ..	..	6	..	6	6	..	6	..
Savara do. ..	7	18	..	25	21	..	21	4
Oriya do. ..	1	14	1	16	16	..	16	..
Ghats do. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rampa do. ..	..	8	..	8	8	..	8	..
Koya do. ..	..	6	..	6	6	..	6	..
Total ..	32	53	41	126	98	18	116	10

Figures for 1922 are not available.

(3) Three.

(4) Statistics for the year 1921 are furnished below:—

—		Court.			Number pending on 31st December 1920.	Number received during the year.	Total.	Number disposed of.
Assistant Commissioner.	Khond	..	..	..	1	5	6	5
Do.	Savara	..	..	..	1	39	40	38
Do.	Oriya	..	..	..	3	79	82	82

(5) The Agency Commissioner disposed of three session cases.

*Criminal appeals—Agency Commissioner's Court—*

Pending on 31st December 1920.	Received during 1921.	Total.	Disposed of
3	1	4	4

(6) No such complaint has come to the notice of the Government.

(7) Yes.

(8) The hon. Member is referred to statement F-4 and to statements C-9 and E-2 in the annual statistics for civil and criminal courts which are placed on the Editors' Table.

(9) The correspondence with the Government of India cannot be published under the existing rules.

*Pay of the draughtsmen in the Forest Department.*

497 Q.—MR. B. P. DEVARAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government have received memorials from the draughtsmen in the Forest Department praying for increase of pay for reasons mentioned in the memorials duly supported by the several district forest officers concerned;